

Abstract of the Disclosure

To simplify network device configuration tasks and provide configuration flexibility and efficiency, the present invention includes a custom navigator tool. Through the custom navigator tool, a network manager may select various screen marks each of which causes the custom navigator tool to shortcut the configuration process by jumping forward past various configuration screens to a particular configuration screen corresponding to the screen mark. The screen marks may be default screen marks provided as a standard part of a network management system graphical user interface (GUI) and/or the screen marks may be custom screen marks created by the network manager. To create a custom screen mark the network manager simply accesses a desired GUI screen and selects a screen mark option. The custom navigator tool then requests a screen mark name from the network manager and, once provided, lists the custom screen mark name in an inventory of available screen mark names. When the network manager selects a screen mark name (custom or default), the custom navigator tool jumps to the corresponding GUI screen. As a result, the custom navigator tool allows a network manager to customize the GUI and, thus, make their provisioning tasks more efficient. The screen marks provide configuration short cuts that may simplify the configuration process and save the administrator configuration time.